

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

MICHAEL L. CAIRNS,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES KOZEL,

Defendant.

**8:20CV162**

**MEMORANDUM  
AND ORDER**

The court is in receipt of correspondence from Plaintiff, dated June 10, 2021, in which he requests certain advice about locating a potential witness and obtaining an affidavit from another individual (Filing 46). Treated as a motion, the request will be denied. The court cannot provide any legal advice to Plaintiff. *McGrone v. Boyd*, No. 8:18CV233, 2019 WL 2583841, at \*5 (D. Neb. June 24, 2019); *see Mala v. Crown Bay Marina, Inc.*, 704 F.3d 239, 244 (3d Cir. 2013) (“[A] ‘trial judge is under no duty to provide personal instruction on courtroom procedure or to perform any legal “chores” for [a pro se litigant] that counsel would normally carry out.’ ... Judges must be impartial, and they put their impartiality at risk—or at least might *appear* to become partial to one side—when they provide trial assistance to a party.”) (quoting *Pliler v. Ford*, 542 U.S. 225, 231 (2004)).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff’s motion for legal advice (Filing 46) is denied.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2021.

BY THE COURT:



Richard G. Kopf  
Senior United States District Judge